

PENTWATER TOWNSHIP

March 5, 2013

Senator Goeff Hansen
Senate District 34

Dear Senator Hansen,

Thank you and your Chief of Staff Peter Wills for listening to Pentwater Township's suggestions on what the State Legislature could do to facilitate Townships ability to financially help their communities with the annual problem on how to pay for the dredging of channels that empty into the Great Lakes. Pentwater is not the only Great Lakes Community with a refuge harbor that needs your help with legislation that would provide avenues of choice on how Townships could legally expend Tax Dollars for dredging.

Your Senate Bill 218 (TIFA) will give Townships the option on how they can legally help financially, especially in communities that have Lake Improvement Boards. With the reinstatement of ACT 94 (TIFA) your Bill 218 would give a community another option other than part 309 of Act 451 Lake Improvement Boards. With the TIFA ability the property owner would not see any change in their Tax Bill.

The other suggestion the Township passed onto you was for new Legislation that would provide Enabling Statutes that would allow Townships to place millage proposals on the ballot for a Township Wide levy to dredge channels that exit into any of the Great Lakes.

Again thank you and your Staff for continuing the fight for Township causes.

Charles F. Smith
Supervisor Pentwater Township